

**REMARKS**


The claims have been amended to cancel claims 17-20 in view of the use of claim number 17 in the parent case, and to add new claims 21-24 corresponding to previously-presented claims 17-20.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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